

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. §§121 & 372 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 23-29 drawn to a powder processing method;

Group II, claims 30-36 drawn to a powder processing apparatus;

Group III, claims 37-43 drawn to a powder processing apparatus and process.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 23-29 drawn to a powder processing method.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as Applicants deem necessary to protect the inventions recited within the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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